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Testimony in Support of S.B. No. 318, 'An Act Concerning Private School Transportation' Before the Education Committee March 2, 2016

To whom it may concern:

I am the mother of three young children who all attend St Cecilia school in Stamford. We are big supporters of Catholic education in our community.

We use the school bus to and from school and it is an invaluable service for us as a family. I am currently running my own business from my home office and I work during the hours that my children are at school. The extra time that the school bus service affords us each day, and the peace of mind that the children are safe on the bus, makes a huge difference to my ability to get my work completed. As a committed tax payer in Stamford, I would be disappointed if this very important service were discontinued. I am also concerned that this would have an adverse impact on the Catholic schools in our area as it could be a deterrent to prospective new parents who are considering sending their children to St Cecilia school. Keeping more cars off the road can also only be a good thing for Stamford's infrastructure.

I appeal to the Committee to please give this Act your full support.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Watson